

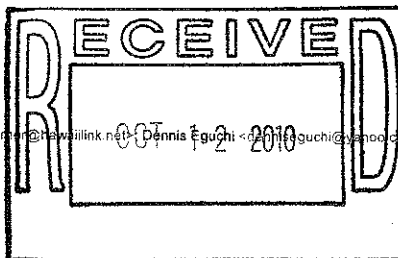
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Kauai Testimony Ballot on Hawaii Humpback Whale SanctuaryName: Vincent Silva date Oct 5 2010Email/phone(optional) Vincent Silva bob1@gmail.com**KFTO = Kauai Fishermen and Tour Operators****Should Sanctuary Expand Whale protections.**

KFTO: Whale population has gone from 2000 or 3000 in mid 1970's to a current population of around 12000+ according to the Sanctuary's own information. At 6% growth annually, the population will be over 20,000 whales by 2018. We see no purpose in increasing protection. Current laws have more than provided for a return in population. Anything beyond which is added beauracracy.

- ☒ No Expand
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☐ Unsure

Expand the Sanctuary to include all islands all the way around islands out to 100 fathoms (600 feet) depth.

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Monk Seals: Expand the Sanctuary to include.

KFTO: Monks seals are clearly endangered, but according to available information the population is growing and pup mortality is down in Human occupied areas. While pup mortality is high and population growth is stagnant in "protected" Northern Hawaiian Island chain. We believe that current laws sufficiently protect Monk seals within the human inhabited islands.

- ☒ No Expand
☐ Expand
☐ Unsure

Sea Turtles: Expand the Sanctuary to include.

KFTO: Population has dramatically increase since protected from hunting was instituted. No additional protection needed as current laws have providing for large fines have been very successful.

- ☒ No Expand
☐ Expand
☐ Unsure

Dolphins: Expand the Sanctuary to include.

- ☒ No Expand
☐ Expand
☐ Unsure
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Hawaiian Cultural Heritage: Expand the Sanctuary to include.

- KFTO: What? We find this to be a completely unrelated issue that appears to have been added to the Sanctuary's "Vision" to gather political support.*
☒ No Expand
☐ Expand
☐ Unsure
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Coral Reef: Expand the Sanctuary to include.

KFTO: Coral reefs are clearly suffering around the state and the world. However, the cause of this decline appears more closely related to problems like agricultural run off, climate change, and general pollution. Efforts to control local run off and silting of reefs would cause better results than limiting ocean use.

- ☒ No Expand
☐ Expand
☐ Unsure
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Vessel Speed Limits During Whale Season

Most whale injuries involving small vessels(non-military or freighters) are a result of the propeller, which does the same damage at 10 knots as it does at 20 knots. More important, is the size of the propeller. None the less, despite the Humpback population doubling, the Sanctuary itself reports no recent whale deaths from collision. Many of the reported 'collisions' are, in fact, at dead slow or drifting speed. In these cases the boats seem to come out worse than the whales.

- ☐ No Limit
☐ Limit To (circle one) 14knts 16knts 18knts
☒ Unsure
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Military Noise Limits(sonar)

- KFTO: Goodluck.*
☐ No Limit
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☒ Limit
☐ Unsure

No Take Zones (fishing)

☒ No Zones
☐ Some Zones
☐ All Sanctuary is No Take

No Access Zones: Create zones for species where there is no public access (no fishing, boating, tours, swimming, etc.)

☒ No Zones
☐ Yes, create Zones
☐ Unsure

Should Sanctuary "Vision" include plan for reducing its size or scope as species are removed from endangered status or reach pre-determined population levels

☐ No reduction
☐ Reduce size
☒ Unsure
